



Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2019

Room 326, City/County Building

12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Curt Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members present: Curt Chisholm (Chair), Gene Prendergast, Kiley Gage, Mike Mahoney, Tom Cordingley, Carolyn Belling, and John Lytle.

Members excused: Abigail J. St. Lawrence, John Wilkinson, Judy Rolfe, Kim Leighton, Marshall Gingery, Theresa Charlton, and Moffie Funk.

Members absent: Dennis Taylor and Theresa Ortega.

Others in attendance: Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Judge Kathy Seeley, Judge Mike McMahon, Kellie McBride and Gloria Soja.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 25 and February 22, 2019 meetings could not be approved because there was no quorum.

3. Membership Update

Kiley Gage nominated Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks for membership on the CAC. Seconded by Mike Mahoney. Motion for record only; no quorum for approval.

Curt Chisholm deferred discussion and nomination of a CAC member to chair the Mental Health Committee in place of Dr. Gary Mihelish who formally resigned from the CAC on March 1, 2019.

4. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride reviewed the dashboard update, e-mailed prior to the meeting (and attached to these minutes).

Ms. McBride informed the Council that she would be meeting with the Director of the City and County Information Technology and Services Department to discuss options for moving forward with initial recommendations presented by JMI.

Ms. McBride informed the Council that Criminal Justice Services, at request of Sheriff Dutton, had applied for a collaborative planning grant on Medication Assisted Treatment

from Arnold Ventures.

Ms. McBride shared an overview of the Stepping Up Initiative and affirmed that leadership across the County system strongly support this initiative. The Behavioral Health Coordinator is currently researching validated tools to assess suicidality, mental health, substance abuse, and trauma.

5. Discussion on JMI Data Presentation – Curt Chisholm

Curt Chisholm opened discussion on information that JMI presented on March 6, 2019. Mr. Chisholm shared that JMI identified 18 systems that are currently used but cannot share data. The time-line presented by JMI was 3-5 years, which was upsetting to some.

Gene Prendergast questioned why the County wouldn't just adopt the Highway Patrol's system, since it works. Ms. McBride assured the Council that this was one of many options that would be explored. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen expressed that while everyone would like this process to move more quickly, it takes time to assess resources and the potential impact of system changes. The Commission supports this project and identifies it as a top priority. Mike Mahoney suggested that Ms. McBride look into the possibility of obtaining a National Institute of Corrections Technical Assistance Grant. Curt Chisholm requested that the full JMI report be sent to Council members and recommended that a group of end-users be included in the development process.

Mr. Chisholm shared a request from John Wilkinson that the Council recommend to the CJCC that the Stepping Up Initiative's Six Questions be included in the CJS objectives and status updates at CAC and CJCC meetings.

6. Public Comment

Carolyn Belling informed the Council that the first fundraising event for the HOPE Center, a faith-based, inpatient treatment for women, would take place on May 17, 2019

Kellie McBride informed the Council that CJS had begun a pilot project with Judge Anne Peterson to address mental health and diversion; post adjudication. Seven offenders with serious mental illness have been identified by the City Court and court ordered to work with the CJS Behavioral Health Coordinator to have counselling and other mental health meetings and appointments count towards their community service and fines and fees.

7. Next Meeting: April 26, 2019

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes approved April 26, 2019.